SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY



Board Meeting Final Minutes April 7, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Yasutake called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. as a teleconference meeting. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Board Members

Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
David Wheaton, Citrus Heights Water District
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company
Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District
Mike DeWit, Agriculture

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Rob Swartz, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Josette Reina-Luken, Monica Garcia and Chris Sanders, legal counsel

Others in Attendance

Dan York, Robert Reisig, Cathy Lee, Greg Zlotnick, Alan Vail, Paul Helliker, Kevin Thomas, N. Cameron Doyel, Craig Locke, Joe Duran and Alan Gardner

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Ewart moved, with a second by Ms. Harris to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 Board meeting and extend Resolution 2021-02, to renew authorization to hold meetings of the Board of Directors via teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 until such time as the State of Emergency resulting from the COVID -19 pandemic no longer impacts the ability of Board members and the public to safely meet in person. David Wheaton,

Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Randy Mark, Fair Oaks Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company, Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District, Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Ted Costa, San Juan Water District and Mike DeWit, Agriculture voted yes.

4. SGA FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023 BUDGET

Ms. Reina-Luken gave a power point presentation with an overview of base and groundwater fees, CalPERS unfunded liability, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Program/Groundwater Sustainability Plan program budget and SGA's budget outlook. She provided information on fees, expenses, staff costs, office costs and the policies associated with preparing the annual budget.

It was noted that a correction on page two of the resolution on the top line needed to be made stating fiscal year 2022 – 2023 budget.

Per Rules for SGA - Fiscal items related to the administrative costs of the Authority shall require approval by a double majority consisting of the following: a majority vote of all members of the governing board and a majority vote weighted according to the financial contribution of each Retail Provider, Agricultural Interest, or Commercial/Industrial Self-Supplied Water User in relation to the total administrative budget for the last complete fiscal year.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Ewart to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01 with the noted correction to fund the administrative and program budgets for FY 2022 – 2023 and provide for the collection of said funds. Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District, David Wheaton, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Randy Mark, Fair Oaks Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company, Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District, Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Ted Costa, San Juan Water District and Mike DeWit, Agriculture voted yes. Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District voted no.

	SGA Budget Approval - FY 2023				
	Weighted Votes - Paid FY 2021-2022				
Vote	Water Purveyor	AMO	OUNT PAID	%	
Absent	California American Water	\$	111,789	Absent	
Yes	Carmichael Water District	\$	39,335	4.60%	
Yes	Citrus Heights Water District	\$	41,923	4.91%	
No	Del Paso Manor WD	\$	20,847		
Yes	Fair Oaks Water District	\$	43,264	5.06%	
Yes	Folsom, City of	\$	12,196	1.43%	
Yes	Golden State Water Company	\$	18,242	2.14%	
Absent	Natomas Central Mutual Water	\$	13,581	Absent	
Yes	Orange Vale Water Company	\$	12,196	1.43%	
Yes	Rio Linda/Elverta CWD	\$	29,955	3.51%	
Yes	Sacramento, City of	\$	229,728	26.89%	
Absent	Sacramento, County of	\$	45,298	Absent	
Yes	Sacramento Suburban WD	\$	223,762	26.19%	
Yes	San Juan Water District	\$	12,196	1.43%	
Yes	Agriculture			Yes	
Absent	Self Supplied			Absent	
	TOTAL	\$	854,312	77.58%	

5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Swartz gave an update on the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), the annual report, and the spring monitoring results that were conducted. The GSP is available at nasbgroundwater.org. The annual report includes hydrology, water use, groundwater levels, groundwater storage, GSP implementation and sustainability indicators. He provided information on 2021 water use by source and by sector and the change in groundwater storage.

6. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Mr. Ojakian provided information on the recent Executive Order that in part requires new well permits or expansions on existing wells. A new policy in the Executive Order requires consultation from permitting agencies with the GSA. Additional parts of the order require local agencies to go to stage two of their water shortage

contingency plans and funding for enhancing groundwater recharge is to be examined.

A number of bills related to groundwater include AB 2201 that would require a groundwater extraction facility in critically overdraft basins to have a permit from a GSA to extract groundwater, AB 2895 revises and recasts the water transfer process and SB 1124 would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to establish a Public Health Goal (PHG) and the Water Board to establish a primary Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for manganese. The Water Board put out an administrative draft proposal of the new MCL for chromium.

An update for the process to establish a new MCL for Hexavalent Chromium was provided. The process is beginning with a comment period on a draft regulation in April 2022 and is tentatively expected to conclude with a regulation in late 2023.

7. FUTURE MEETING FORMAT

Mr. Peifer said that this item is meant to have discussion and receive feedback from the board on how we want to conduct future meetings. Staff is exploring what technology would be needed and the investment for a hybrid meeting format that would allow virtual users to fully participate in the meetings.

There was discussion on the benefits and value of virtual meetings, hybrid meetings and in-person meetings. Travel costs and time, vaccination status and an adequate size conference room for in-person meetings need to be considered.

8. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY - 3X3 UPDATE

Chair Yasutake and other committee members reported that the 3X3 committee discussed what the expectations are for the second phase of the merger evaluation process. Meetings were convened for discussion and to set ground rules to help formulate what the committee would be working on. Mr. Yasutake reported that as the initial formulation of governance options take shape, this information would be brought back to the SGA Board for further discussion including setting a future date for a board workshop in the near future. Additionally, there was a question raised as to whether individuals could observe these 3X3 meetings which will be referred to legal counsel for follow-up.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Peifer said that his Executive Director's Report was included in the meeting packet.

10.DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Ewart reported that the City of Sacramento is at stage two of their water shortage contingency plan. A public scoping meeting is scheduled to serve as a notice of preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the City's groundwater master plan. The City anticipates participating in a 2022 groundwater transfer program.

Mr. Wichert said that Sacramento Suburban Water District will be discussing their conservation stage at their next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chemeeting at 11:03 a.m.	nair Yasutake adjourned the
By:	
Chairperson	
Attest:	
Josette Reina-Luken. Board Secretary/Treasurer	<u> </u>